5. Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) — Main objective is to improve the productivity of the wastelands and living standards of the poor, through a watershed development approach.

6. Drinking water Supply — Which is meant to provide safe-drinking water in rural areas.

Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Indian Army

*54. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to create a post of Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Information System and Training for the Indian Army;

(b) if so, whether it is part of the modernisation process of the Army; and

(c) how will this help in creating confidence among its cadre?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conference of Sports Ministers to spot rural talents in Sports

*55. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had called a conference of all Sports Ministers from different States in the country to try to find ways to spot latent talent amongst youths in villages and rural areas for selecting them for representing the country;

(b) if so, when was such a conference held;

(c) what were the decisions taken at the conference; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to implement the recommendations of the conference?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) to (d) A Conference of State Sports Ministers helf on 3.3.2001 discussed the draft National Sports Policy which included issues relating to sports talent search in rural areas.